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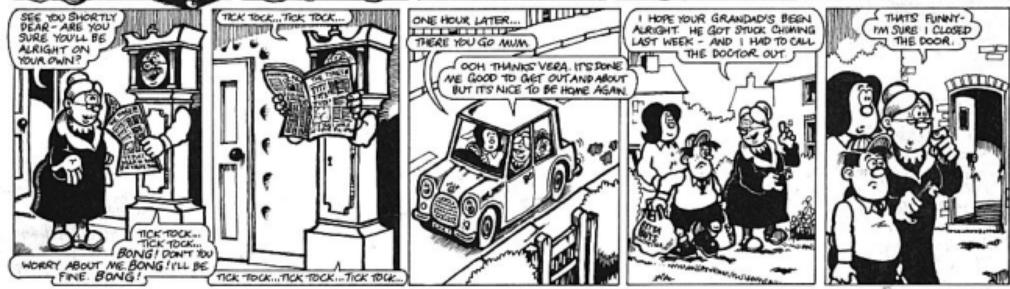


\* AT A LATER DATE

**REVEALED!**

**SAUCY SECRETS  
OF THE T.V.**

**LESBIANS**



# letterbox

## Wonderful

### Welsh

### heritage

I think it's wonderful that the Welsh have a language all of their own. It gives them a sense of identity and enables them to keep in touch with their roots. It also means that us normal people don't have to talk to them.

A. Stapleton  
Waltonstow

*What do YOU think of the Welsh? Do you think they're alright? Or do you think they're bloody awful. Perhaps you think they sing to much, and that Max Boyce is a twat. Whatever you think, whether it's about the Welsh, or anyone else for that matter, write and let us know at our usual 'Letterbox' address. There's a packet of biscuits for the sender of the best letter. Probably.*

## Footwear

### incentive

Footwear shop managers often give staff discounts on shoes. Would they not find it easier to recruit staff if they also gave similar discounts on inner soles, pop socks and odour-eaters? I should be most interested to know what other readers think on this subject.

Tracey Arkell  
Hindhead, Surrey

The horn seems to be the most under-used of all car accessories. I like to beep mine in time to a catchy tune on the radio, or occasionally make up my own tunes, much to the amusement of pedestrians. Perhaps other readers have interesting or novel uses for their car horns which they'd like to share.

R. Borrocks  
Stockport

LetterBucks  
Viz Comwick  
P.O. Box 1 PT  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE9 1PT

It makes me laugh when people say 'an Englishman's home is his castle'. I live in a one bedroomed council flat in Ripon. Then again I'm Welsh.

Rhys Thomas  
Ripon



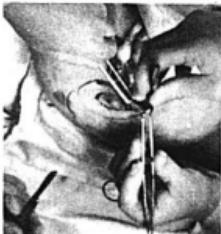
A castle yesterday.

They say 'a watched pot never boils'. What nonsense. I filled a pot with water and watched it boil in exactly 4 minutes 35 seconds.

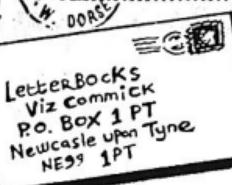
Ian Goodall  
Camden

They say the best way to a man's heart is through his stomach. That's absolute nonsense, and I should know. I am a heart surgeon, and the method I use is to make an incision in the thoracic cavity, bypass the myocardium, and once inside the rib cage it's a simple matter of removing the pericardium, and hey presto! There it is.

Dr David Williams  
Standish



A heart op yesterday.



Tinker, tailor, soldier, monk...

Have your say on the page that's got spunk

I decided to try this new form of smash and grab robbery they call 'ram raiding', and drove to a local off license, ploughing the car in through the shop window before making off with liquor and cigarettes. I thought my raid had been a success when I totted up my haul later - over £1000's worth of stolen goods. But the next day I got a bill from the garage for the damage to my car - it cost £1800 just to have it repaired!

I think I'll stick to conventional burglaries in future.

A. Smith  
Gateshead

## Summer is here again

With the approach of summer it is worth remembering that the playing of radios at high volume, especially in your garden, can annoy next door neighbours. Another good way is to set fire to their dustbin.

A. Gamble  
Ormskirk

Worried  
Cheltenham

I am having a new fridge freezer delivered on Friday the 14th, and would appreciate it if motorists would avoid parking around the bottom of my drive as this space will be required for access.

Mr A. Swinton  
22 Langley Park Gdns.  
East Whitstead  
Staffordshire

P.S. Motorists wishing to find alternative parking space in the vicinity may park on the yard opposite, at the back of the church, as long as they don't block the vicarage entrance.

# TOP-TIPS

AVOID paying tax by going to work in a politically unstable Middle East country inhabited by religious fanatics. Ignore British Government advice to leave when a war looks imminent, then moan a few weeks later when bombs start going off and there aren't any planes home.

S. Goblin  
Middlesex

CONVINCE people that you are the new Messiah by performing a couple of miracles, saying something profound and then getting some friends to nail you to a tree.

S. G.  
Wembley

CLAP your hands whilst having a shower. This will spray the water in all directions.

Chris Elvin  
Japan

CAN'T afford a video recorder? Lie your toaster sideways on the floor beneath your television. Friends will never know the difference!

S. Winstanley  
Orrel

OBTAIN the effect of having expensive patent leather shoes by simply wrapping 'Sellotape' around an old pair.

Miss P. Nut-Butter  
Bristol

# IT'S 'FILEY' MINOGUE

Pint sized Aussie songstress Kylie Minogue has just splashed out a fortune on a new luxury home. But the sumptuous million pound holiday home is not in Beverly Hills, Bel Air or Barbados. It's in Filey.

The millionaire songbird has splashed out a cool £75 per week to rent the six-berth mobile home for a month on a static caravan park near Primrose Valley, Filey.

Kylie's dream home boasts:

- Flushing toilets
- Twelve volt electricity
- Hot and cold running water.
- Put-me-up sofa beds, with accommodation for Kylie and up to five members of her Aussie entourage.

## FACILITIES

As a guest at the caravan site, Kylie will be entitled to use facilities which include a camper's shop, a launderette, table tennis room, amusement arcade and fully licenced social club. And Fred Baxter, owner of the 2½ acre 'Sandy View' Caravan Park, has made an open invitation to Kylie to pop into one of their lively 'Come as you please' evenings, where holiday-makers provide their own entertainment, singing songs accompanied by Mrs Baxter on the organ, and her son David on drums.

## EXCLUSIVE

Artist's impressions of Kylie's dream home (right) and of the star sunbathing topless yesterday.



"I suppose Kylie will probably sing a medley of her hits, such as 'I Should Be So Lucky', 'The Locomotion', 'Je Ne Sais Pas Pourquoi' and 'Too Many Broken Hearts'. And although I can't guarantee it, there's no



reason why Kylie shouldn't take advantage of our sunny East coast weather and go topless around the caravan site", said Mr Baxter.

## CARAVANS

According to Mr Baxter any fans of Kylie's who wish to meet their favourite star are in luck. For there are many caravans, ranging from 2 to 8 berths, still available through the season.

## EXCURSIONS

"I can't say exactly when Kylie will be here, but she'll be coming and going all summer, I'd imagine. No doubt she'll be using the park as a base from which to plan day trips and excursions throughout the Filey area".

## FRIENDS

Many show biz friends of the Aussie star are expected to pop by from time to time, including Jason Donovan, Mick Hucknell out of INXS and Madge Ramsay.

## DENIED

However, a spokesman for the Australian star last night denied Mr Baxter's claims. "To the best of our knowledge Kylie has no intention of visiting Filey at all this year", we were told. But Mr Baxter was unmoved. "Kylie did mention that this holiday was going to be top secret. She obviously wants to get away from the pressures of show business, and hasn't told her management.

## REQUEST

At Kylie's request I've tried to keep the whole thing under my hat, otherwise once she starts walking around her with her knockers on full show the press will be buzzing around here like flies round shit."

## Your syrups are super!

In the last issue we asked for your photos of rug heads. And baldy snaps have been arriving at our offices by the sack full.

### WINNER

Here's some of the best slap heads spotted so far. The sender of each picture will receive £25 for their wig spotting efforts. We've decided not to judge the winner until a future date, in order to avoid having to cough up the main prize of £100.



These pictures were sent in by Ruth King, Mark Williams and two other people whose names and addresses we've lost. So that saves us another fifty quid.

SPECTACLE wearers. Enjoy foreign language films without the bother—some sub-titles by sticking a strip of brown parcel tape across the lower half of your lenses.

J. Lofts  
Chiswick

IMPRESS the girls this summer by driving up and down the seafront with an ironing board strapped to the roof of your car whilst playing Beach Boys music loudly on your cassette player.

B. Meredith  
Swansea

STICKING two large black circles in the top corners of your TV screen makes the newsreaders look like Mickey Mouse.

S. Treadrop  
Teddlebranbuds

HOUSEWIVES. When nipping to the shops always carry a stiff broom in the boot of your car. Use it to sweep the broken glass to the side of the road every time you have a minor accident.

D. Stammers  
Canvey Island

\* Do you have any amusing Top Tips or funny letters that you'd like our readers to share? Then why not send them to us at the 'Letterbox' address at the top of the page. Alternatively, you could just start your own 'adult' comic and stick them in that, together with a few rude cartoons about dog turds or similar, call it 'Arse' and publish it yourself. Which is what most people seem to be doing these days.

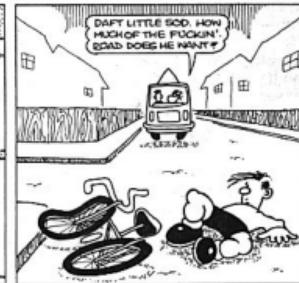
Lord, I don't fancy yours much! It's...

# THE FAT SLAGS



PRESENTLY...

GO STRAIGHT AHEAD AT THE NEXT SET OF LIGHTS, MISS TURNSTALL.





# IT'S YOUR FUNERAL!

With heating bills, TV licences, the price of butter and the 'new money' to worry about, old people have enough on their plate these days without having to worry about their funeral expenses.

Of course we all die sooner or later. It's just that old people are usually next. And so saving up for a decent burial is a number one priority for old folk today.

## COST

And with the rising cost of kicking the bucket - undertakers, coffins, gravestones, church services and even the buffet to think about - a decent send-off can be beyond the means of many senior citizens.

But here's your chance to *bury* that worry! Because we're offering a **FREE FUNERAL** to the winner of this easy-to-enter competition that's open only to old folk. Yes, we'll pay ALL the winner's funeral costs - including a sit-down buffet for up to 100 people. And we'll even put £150 behind the bar to ensure a good time is had by all.

## QUESTIONS

All you have to do is answer the following questions by choosing answers A, B or C.

1. In Britain today, what would you identify as being the single most significant economic problem?

- a. A lack of government investment in the economy.
- b. Interest rates are too high.
- c. The new five pence coin is too small and fiddly.

## EEEEEEEEE

2. How could you complete the following sentence? 'Young people today, they've got no...'   
a. ...prospect of employment.  
b. ...incentive to continue in full-time education beyond school leaving age.  
c. ...respect. I fought in two world wars etc...

3. The maximum speed for cars travelling on a motorway is...  
a. 60 mph.  
b. 70 mph.  
c. 25 mph.

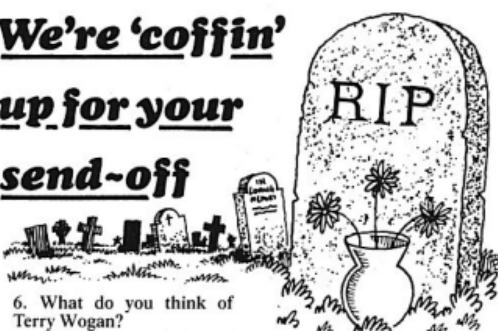
4. The old days were much better because you could...  
a. ...catch polio at the swimming baths.  
b. ...catch pneumonia while using an outside lavatory.  
c. ...leave your front door open.

5. What do you think of music these days?  
a. It's all very similar, with a distinctive 'hip hop' back beat, and heavily influenced at present by the Manchester indie scene.  
b. It's a good, harmless way for the kids to express themselves.  
c. It's too loud, there's never a tune that you can whistle, and you can't hear the words.

## Old folks Rest In Peace.

### We're 'coffin'

### up for your send-off



6. What do you think of Terry Wogan?  
a. He's overpaid and under-talented.  
b. He's a fat Irish git.  
c. Ooh, he's a lovely man.



7. You're the millionth customer to walk into a shoe shop and you're offered a free pair of shoes as a prize. What would you choose?

- a. A pair of hand stitched Italian brogues.
- b. A pair of comfortable but expensive suede ladies' court shoes.
- c. A pair of those ridiculous fleece lined nylon ankle boots. The ones with the thick crepe soles and chunky two inch zips up the side.

8. You receive an unexpected windfall when an insurance policy matures. You find yourself with £1500 in cash. What would you do with the money?  
a. Invest it in a high interest building society or bank account.

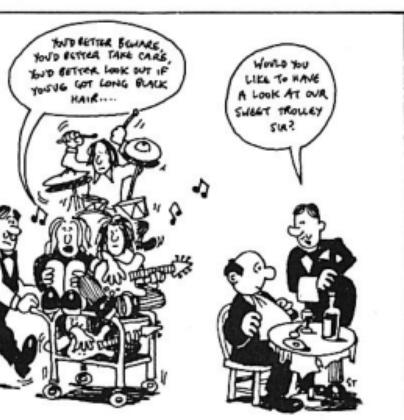
- b. Spend it on a lovely holiday.
- c. Shove the lot in a rusty Peak Frean's Teatime Assortment biscuit tin, hide it in your sock drawer, then go downstairs and turn the heating off.

9. A pimply 14 year old wearing a bright purple Shell suit calls at your door, says he's from the gas board and asks to read the meter. What would you do?  
a. Ask to see some form of identification.  
b. Close the door and call the police.  
c. Let him in and make him a cup of tea while he ransacks the house looking for your rusty biscuit tin full of money.

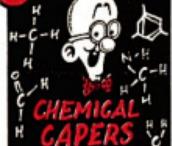
10. You meet an old friend in the street and stop for a chat. During the conversation would you...  
a. Forcefully put forward your own opinions and tend to dominate the conversation.

- b. Listen intently to what the other person says, interjecting occasionally with relevant points.
- c. Stare blankly at the other person, nodding in agreement and slowly murmuring "yes" before repeating the last word of every sentence.

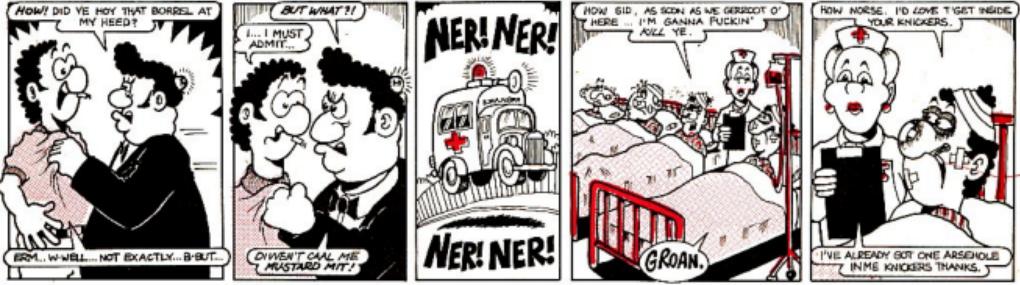
Please note this competition is open to old people only. Send your answers, on a postcard, to 'It's Your Funeral' Competition, Viz, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1PT. (You can buy a postcard, together with a stamp, from the Post Office where you collect your pension. But you'll be surprised at the price of stamps these days). The winner will be notified by post in big, clear, easy-to-read writing.



# TOMMY SALTER'S







# 20 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT INSECTS

They're here, there and everywhere. Summer's here again, and so are insects. Whether you're walking in Wakefield Westgate, picnicking in Pontefract park or hitch hiking in High Heaton, just pick up a rock and there they are - hundreds of little insects, ranging from big to small, fat to thin, and with any number of legs. Girls hate them, babies eat them. But what exactly are insects? What do they do and where do they live? How much do you really know about these miniature marvels of Mother Nature. Here's twenty creepy crawlies you never knew about insects . . .

① You'll never drown an insect by holding its head under water - no matter how hard you try. That's because insects breath through 'special lungs' - called trachea - which are in their arse.

② Next time you cross the road as well as looking out for cars, keep an eye peeled for the Deer-Bot fly. For it's the world's fastest flying insect, travelling in short bursts at up to 36 miles per hour! That's faster than the prescribed speed limit for a motor vehicle travelling in a built-up area.

③ Insects live in the most unusual places. For example moths, which live in wardrobes, spiders, which live in the bath, and cockroaches, which live in Chinese restaurants.

④ And Dung beetles, which live up cows' arses.



Clare Short.

⑤ The noisiest insect of all is the Trumpet beetle of Papua New Guinea. Mating pairs make a noise often compared to a washing machine in its 'spin' cycle. An endangered species, the few remaining examples are protected by strict conservation laws. Residents living near the insects' breeding grounds can claim government grants enabling their homes to be fitted with secondary double glazing.

⑥ We've all cursed after tripping on a broken paving stone. But next time you do it, don't blame the council. Blame insects. For as well as living under rocks, many insects set up home under pavements and footpaths, their constant to-ing and fro-ing causing damage which costs local authorities an estimated £19 million a year in crack repairs alone.

⑦ During the swinging sixties it was all the rage to name pop groups after insects, the best example of course being 'The Beatles' . . . The only other one we can think of is Buddy Holly and the Crickets.

⑧ Next time you're in Australia and you need to go to the toilet, check under the seat before you sit down. For each year over 2,000 unfortunate Aussies die from insect bites. The Black Widow spider nests under toilet seats, and repeatedly bites the arse of any unsuspecting victim who sits down to use the loo. Within ten minutes of being bitten the poor toilet-goer develops a huge pan-handle, and dies.

⑨ Another dangerous insect, the bee, can only sting once, and then it dies. That's because the poor insect pulls its ringpiece inside out while flying away afterwards.

⑩ Mind you, another kind of 'B.', phone company 'B.T.' can sting you repeatedly. Every time you pick up the fucking phone to be pre-



⑪ Like us, bees have a Queen. However, unlike our Queen, the Queen bee doesn't sit on her arse all day, occasionally waving at people.



⑫ And another thing. The Queen bee's offspring go out and become useful members of their community, working hard, instead of going skiing for 8 months every year.

⑬ And if bees had universities, which they don't, but if they did, the Queen bee's kids would have to qualify for entry on merit, instead of getting into Oxford with one bloody 'A' level in dance or something ridiculous like that.

⑭ Getting back to bees, the Bee Gees are another sort of pop group with an insect in their name, although ironically 'Bee Gee' was never intended as an insect reference. It is, of course, the initials of the 'Brothers Gibb'.

⑮ Insects hit the pop headlines again in the early eighties when Adam Ant and The Ants dressed up as swash-buckling highwaymen, complete with red Indian war



paint, and invited the record buying public to "come and join our insect nation", whatever that meant.

⑯ Like so many post punk pop stars of that era, among them Gary Numan, Howard Jones and Nick Heyward, Adam Ant (real name George O'Dowd) later disappeared up his own arse.

⑰ One exception was of course Lemahl out of Kajagoogoo, who by all accounts disappeared up . . .

⑱ Getting back to insects, if you visit a flea circus, you can expect to see fleas, tied up with fuse wire, perform a variety of spectacular and exciting tricks. (However, if you go to a flea market you can expect to be charged about eight quid for an old bottle with soil on it.)

⑲ If someone tells you they've got 'butterflies', they don't necessarily own a collection of lepidopterous large winged insects. More likely they're suffering from a mild attack of nerves. Or alternatively they might be referring to a video recording of Carla Lane's 'gentle' BBC TV sit-com, starring Wendy Craig and Geoffrey Palmer. Although that's a bit unlikely, as it was a heap of shite. Just like Bread. And everything else she does, for that matter.



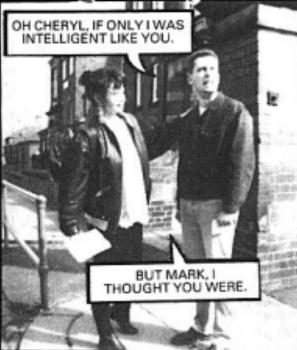
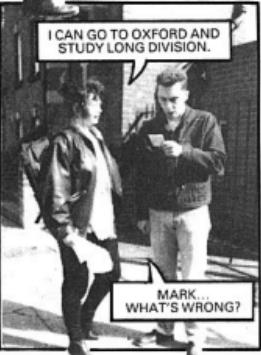
Linda McCartney - guest starred in TV's 'Bread'.

⑳ Some parasitic forms of flea are unable to live independent lives. Instead, they live on the back of a 'host' beetle upon whom they rely entirely for their survival.



The summer holidays were well underway but childhood sweethearts Cheryl Clark and Mark Perkins were returning to school for one last time... to collect their exam results.

# LESSONS IN LOVE



SIX WEEKS... HMM... I WONDER.



Six weeks later...



ERM... NO, I CAN'T.



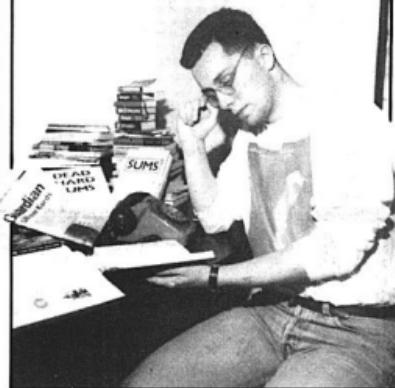
BUT MARK, IT'S MY LAST DAY, I'M GOING TO UNIVERSITY TOMORROW.



I'M SORRY CHERYL, BUT I'M BUSY, THAT'S ALL.



Quite how busy Cheryl did not know, for Mark had spent the last 6 weeks becoming intelligent.



The next morning at the Oxford University Faculty of Long Division...



Professor Wolfgang Räus PhD

KNOCK!  
KNOCK!

DEAD  
HARD  
SUMS

COME IN.



I'VE COME FOR MY  
INTERVIEW PROFESSOR.



An  
hour  
later...

VELL MARK, ZEEZ ZUMS  
APPEAR  
TO BE CORRECT.



CHERYL WON'T HALF BE  
PLEASED WHEN SHE SEES  
HOW INTELLIGENT I'VE  
BECOME.



HMM... FORTY FIVE MINUTES  
UNTIL MY FIRST LECTURE. I  
THINK I'LL POP INTO THE WINNIE  
MANDELLA STUDENTS BAR FOR  
A PINT OF HEAVILY SUBSIDISED  
REAL ALE.



But, as Mark crossed the campus...

CHERYL!



WHAT ON EARTH ARE  
YOU DOING HERE?



I'M SORRY MARK, WHEN I  
GOT TO UNIVERSITY I  
JOINED THE WIMMIN'S  
GROUP AND BECAME A  
LESBIAN.

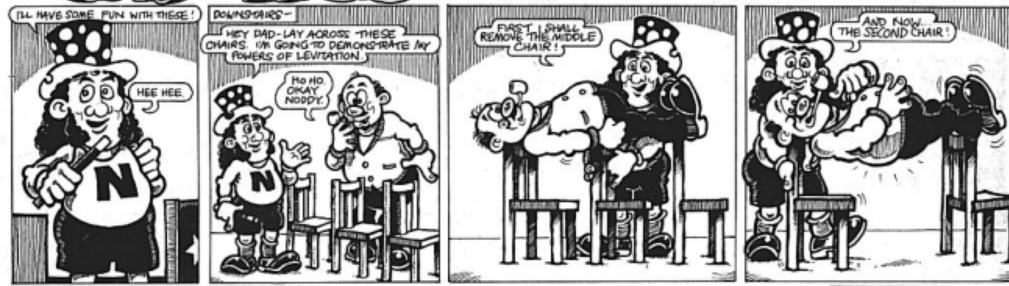


WELL CHERYL, YOU SEE I'M  
ALL BRAINY NOW, AND I'M ON  
YOUR COURSE! ISN'T IT  
GREAT. WE CAN START  
LOOKING FOR A FLAT  
TOGETHER.

I'VE ALREADY GOT A FLAT  
WITH A VERY SPECIAL  
FRIEND.

MARK. I'D LIKE YOU  
TO MEET JEMIMA.





**It's the rock comeback of the century**

# I'M ALIVE!

**By JIM MORRISON**

**EXCLUSIVE**

**Sixties pop idol Jim Morrison, believed to have been dead since 1971, is ALIVE and well, and living in Redditch.**

That is the stunning news set to rock the pop world to its foundations as a new film 'The Doors' smashes box office records across Britain and the USA.

The Hollywood blockbuster movie, starring Billy Idol as cult hero Morrison, is a steamy no-holds-barred sex romp depicting the drug crazed hippy lifestyle of the tragic sixties star. And as movie goers queue to see the film, record buyers are forking out a fortune on a re-released Doors album, plus the movie soundtrack LP.

## MOVIE

But one man who is far from happy with the band's new found success is Jim Morrison himself. For the man on whom the movie is based won't earn a penny from the film, or booming record sales. In fact, Jim Morrison wasn't even invited to the premiere.

## GINGER

"That really hurt", Jim told us yesterday, now a chubby looking 32-year-old, his hair an unfamiliar ginger. But beneath the spectacles, Morrison's penetrating eyes are unmistakable. "As far as the movie makers are concerned, I'm dead".

## BOURBON

Morrison's alleged 'death' twenty years ago has always been shrouded in mystery and the subject of speculation. The official verdict was that he died of a heart attack in his Paris hotel bathroom in 1971. "That was all a big mix-up", he claims.

"I'd been having sex and had taken a few drugs and decided to have a bath. I must have been really tired because I dozed off. While I was asleep a reporter who was in the room asked a friend if I was alright. 'He's dead tired', she told him. Of course, the reporter missed the last word, and mistakenly took it that I was dead".

## DIGESTIVE

The next day all the papers announced Morrison's death. "Once they get hold of a story like that there's not really a lot you can do about it", he told us.

## FIG ROLL

Morrison returned to England and lay low for several months, eventually re-surfacing in Redditch where he took up a job as a stationery salesman with his uncle's firm. "I was fed up with the music business, so I decided to start a new career".

## COMPANY

Now, many years on, Morrison runs the company, supplying anything from paper clips to staple removers, doing brisk business with firms throughout the Redditch area. but occasionally Jim yearns for the rock 'n' roll lifestyle he left behind, and the new film has served to remind him of the good times he had.

**Sixties raver is living in Redditch**



Morrison (above) as we saw him in the sixties and (right) with girlfriend Pamela Courson. (Left) Jim as he is today.



"I must admit, I did go to see the movie", he confesses, a surprisingly short, rounded figure, dressed in a smart suit and tie. "To be honest I was disappointed. There wasn't enough sex, drink or drugs in it. It all looked tame compared to some of the things I used to get up to". His face broadens into a nostalgic smile as he recalls those crazy days of the sixties. "It was just one big party. A non-stop sex marathon, with a never ending diet of booze, drugs and groupies".

## OPTIONS

"There's one occasion I'll never forget. I was high on drugs and having sex with a group backstage. Suddenly the curtain went up and there was the audience - ten thousand people - all watching yours truly getting stuck in! They loved it! In fact, it wasn't long before everyone was joining in, and

soon the entire crowd had stripped off and were giving it six nowt with each other".

## COSMOPOLITAN

Morrison sits back and smiles as the memories come flooding back. "I was having sex non-stop, 24 hours a day for weeks on end. So much so that if I ever stopped for some reason, it used to take about a day for my arse to stop going up and down".

## HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

"And of course drugs were all the rage in those days. Real drugs, not the rubbish they have today. One day I'd been experimenting with LSD. I drank about ten pints of the stuff, poured a bit up my nose, put a few drops in my eyes, and then shoved the rest up my arse."

## GOLDFISH

"It was fantastic! What a trip that was. I can't remember anything else that happened until I woke up six months later in Paul McCartney's goldfish pond having sex with Twiggy, Keith Richards and a dolphin".

## PARROT

Jim claims the original idea for The Doors film was his. "I wrote the script over three months ago and sent it to Hollywood, but I heard

# 'My Paris hotel bath death tragedy was all a big mix-up'



nothing. The next thing I know the film was released. It's got to be more than just coincidence. If only I'd kept a copy of that script".

## HENDRY

Unfortunately Jim doesn't have the financial backing required to fight his case in the courts. "I lost my passport, and my birth certificate was ruined in a washing machine, so legally it's impossible for me to prove my identity". But Jim is fighting back, and now he is planning his own film which he claims will tell the **TRUE** story about The Doors.

## WERBENUIK

Work on the new movie 'Come On Baby Light My Fire' is due to start soon in a garage adjoining Jim's business premises in Redditch. And according to Morrison, Hollywood superstar Burt Reynolds has expressed an interest in the role of the singer. And a revealing new book which Jim claims will blow the lid off the swinging sixties is also planned.



Burt Reynolds yesterday.

"We're talking about the most controversial book ever published", said Jim yesterday. "Not only does it name all the top society birds I shagged, but it also names all the birds everyone else shagged. The Beatles, The Stones, everyone. And there's even pictures of us all doing it, by John Lennon, and some red hot photos by Lord Snowdon". The book, due to be released simultaneously with the movie, will be called 'Try To Set The Night On Fye-yerr', and should be ready for a winter release.

# OUR NEW EVIDENCE DISPROVES MYSTERY DEATH RIDDLE

Record company chiefs, film makers and even solicitors representing Morrison's estate refused to believe us when we told them that Jim was still alive. And they say that our man Jim Morrison is a **FAKE**.

## ARSEHOLES

But our own investigations have cast serious doubts over the so-called 'death' of the star in 1971, and we believe the new evidence speaks for itself.

\*The only person who is supposed to have seen Jim Morrison dead in his bath was his girlfriend Pamela Courson. *Three years later Pamela Courson died mysteriously, after taking a fatal drugs overdose.*

\*When somebody dies, the police usually draw around their body with chalk. But to our knowledge *no chalk lines were found in the bathroom where Morrison is alleged to have died.*

\*When we rang the French police to ask if a file on the Morrison 'death' was available, a foreign speaking buffoon pretended not to understand us, then promptly hung up.

\*Despite hours of searching in a Paris cemetery, we were unable to find any gravestone bearing the name Morrison.

# POP SAYS 'NO' TO NOOSE

Darling Buds of May star David Jason, who plays Pop Larkin in the smash hit comedy series, will be the last in line for the job of hangman should the Government vote to reintroduce capital punishment.

## PERFICK

For the veteran comedy actor, who also starred as 'plonker' Rodney in Only Fools And Horses, is strongly opposed to the death sentence. And a showbiz insider has revealed that Jason, 63, is the last man prison officials should choose to carry out the sentences. "It's really a specialised job, and I can't see that David, with his acting background, would be at all qualified, far less willing to do that sort of thing", we were told.

## PLONKER

In fact, if the black cap were to return, and executions were to re-commence in Britains gaols, officials may have to look beyond the cast of the hit TV series to find their new Official Executioner. For the word in showbiz circles is that other members of the cast would also turn their noses up at the post.



## Celebrity Swears N° 76 Kenneth Kendall

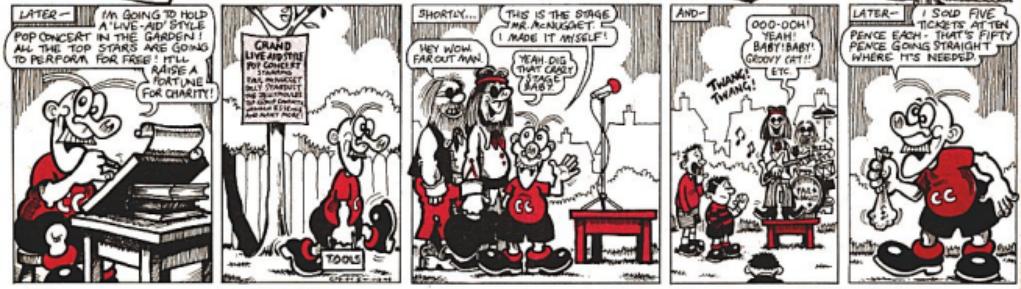
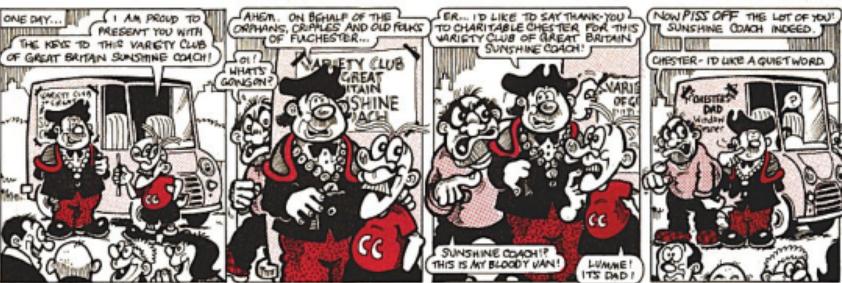
JISM!



We rang actress Catherine Zeta Jones, who plays Mariette in the series, because she's the one everybody fancies. But she wasn't in.

# A FUND OF FUND-RAISING FUN WITH CHARITABLE CHESTER

"He's Always Raising Money for Charity"



# The Return of Captain Morgan AND HIS HAMMOND ORGAN

MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE MUTINY ON THE GOOD SHIP BLUE BARNACLE DURING WHICH CAPTAIN MORGAN WAS CAST ADrift ON HIS HAMMOND ORGAN. EVENTUALLY THE CAPTAIN WAS WASHED ABOARD ON A LONELY, DESERTED DESERT ISLAND...



HAHAH! TIS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO PLAY THAT ONE.

SHINER ME TIMBERS! WHAT'S THAT I SEE YONDER? IT BE FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND!

AT LAST! AFTER FIVE YEARS ALONE ON THIS GOD FORSAKEN ISLAND... A SIGN OF LIFE!!

WHAT'S THAT I HEAR? TIS THE RHYTHMIC SOUND OF BEATING DRUMS!

THE CAPTAIN PEERED OVER THE SAND DUNE.



LATER... AVAST ME HEARTIES! AND A FLAVOR O' RUM! SHIP AHoy!!

MEANWHILE I'LL CREATE THE RIGHT MOOD WITH A LITTLE DITTY ORIGINALLY COMPOSED FOR THE CRAZY WORLD OF ARTHUR BROWN.

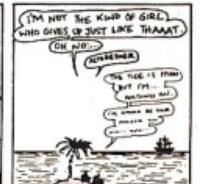
I AM THE GOD OF HELL FIRE AND I BRING YOU...

FIRE... DA DA, DAH! I TAKE IT YOU'LL BURN... DA DA DAAH! I TAKE IT YOU'LL LEARN!

AHOY CAPTAIN! I SEE SMOKE FROM THAT DESERT ISLAND!

SHORTLY...

HEY YE SINGIN' CAPTAIN! I CAN HEAR MUSIC ON THE



AARR!! SHALL NOT BE LONG TILL ONCE AGAIN I KISS THE SAIL OF OLD ENGLAND. AAAAH... ENGLAND!

WESMINSTER A-BEE, THE TOWER BIG BEA... THE ROSEY RED CHEEKS OF THE LITTLE CHILL'-DREN'

SO SANG A CERTAIN MISS DERORAH HARRY-BITTER KNOWN AS 'BLONDIE'. REMEMBER THIS ONE, POP PICKERS?

OH WELL, SUT YOURSELF. BUT WE'RE OFF PATE!

THE TIDE IS HIGH, THE TIDE IS HIGH... THE TIDE IS HIGH... THE TIDE IS HIGH...

# Reverend Ramsdens Ringpiece Cathedral



**TIN RIBS**

6-YEAR OLD TOMMY TRYLER MADE A  
REMARKABLE ROBOT FOR A PAL ETC ETC



# SOUL ACTS SLAM POLL TAX

Many of the biggest names in soul music have today hit out at the injustice of the Poll Tax.

Top stars, among them Barry White, Lionel Ritchie, Luther Van Dross and Colonel Abrahams have unanimously slammed the injustice of the Tory Government's 'Community Charge' system.

## WALRUS

"It's patently unfair", said gravel voiced Barry White, the self proclaimed 'walrus of love', whose string of hits throughout the seventies included 'My Everything'. "Why should a retired couple living in a small cottage have to pay more than a millionaire living in a castle?", asked the 48 stone star.

## SEA LION

"Even a return to the old rating system would be better than this poll tax fiasco", blasted Luther Van Dross. And he pointed out the unfairness of the 20% minimum payment. "The tax fails to take into account a person's ability to pay", added a furious Luther.

## PENGUIN

Other stars, among them Lionel Ritchie, claim that the Community Charge system of local government finance has proved to be unworkable. "This Tory government has got its sums wrong", he told us. "And to date they have wasted £10 billion of tax payers money trying to enforce a tax which is quite simply uncollectable", said Ritchie, who shot to fame with The Commodores, and whose solo successes include 'Hello' and 'Dancing on the Ceiling'.

## CLUB

In the words of his chart hit Colonel Abrahams believes that people living in the higher paid Labour boroughs are 'trapped'. "Don't you know they're trapped, they're in a cage, they can't get out, they're so confused. And they don't know what to do", he told us yesterday.

## Stars unite to fight 'unjust' tax

One person we spoke to believes it's time the talking stopped, and so he has prepared a working paper proposing an alternative system of local government funding. Larry, out of The Floaters, believes a return to the historical 'window tax' is the answer.

## UNITED

"The principal is very simple", he told us. "Each household's bill is calculated using the number of windows in the house. Each bill will be based on a standard house with 8 windows, with a set discount per window for less windows up to 4 in total. There will then be a fixed surcharge for extra windows, and an additional 20 per cent levied on double glazing".

## CITY

According to Larry, the system will be easy to administer. "Patio doors and french windows will be treated separately, and subject to a standard charge based on a multiple of the normal charge. A greenhouse will be rated the same as two windows. A built-on conservatory, lean-to greenhouse or a glazed porch would count as 3 windows, providing they have a glazed roof and a walled surround not exceeding 2'6" in height (but not less than 18 inches). I'm not exactly sure about dormer windows, skylights and Velux windows - but all internal glazing would be exempt, with the exception, perhaps, of windows in a supporting wall opening into a conservatory, porch or similar lean-to addition. I suppose," the singer told us.

## ROVERS

Environment Secretary Michael Heseltine, the man charged with the task of



A soul star yesterday.



Mr Heseltine yesterday.

# IT'S 'BASIN' DONOVAN

Aussie teen pop sensation Jason Donovan is to have a 'basin' haircut. That's the shock news leaked today by showbiz barber Paul, of Chillingham Road, Heaton.

## TITS

"I can confirm that Mr Donovan has made an appointment for next Wednesday to have a 'basin' style haircut and singe", said Paul yesterday. The traditional trim, as worn by trendy singer Chris de Burgh, is based on the design of an old fashioned kitchen mop, and was first made popular by The Beatles.

## MELONS

"This will be Jason's first visit to my shop", Paul revealed. But in the past a variety of top stars have filed through Paul's modest Newcastle salon. Among them an extra out of Supergran, and in 1965 guitarist Hilton Valentine out of The Animals. "If it wasn't him, it certainly looked a lot like him", said Paul.

## KNOCKERS

The good news for pop fans is that they too can have a haircut just like Jason's for only £2.50. "Although Jason books in advance, appointments aren't always necessary, and gentlemen are welcome to call at anytime for a trim, a shave or contraceptives. I'm sure that a good looking lad like Jason will be after a little something for the weekend", quipped Paul.

## BRAVE BUD DAVID WINS BATTLE

Top TV comedy actor David Jason, alias Darling Buds star Pop Larkin, has won a desperate two week battle against eczema.

## PERFICK

So-brave David, 58, refused to let friends and colleagues in on his tragic secret, hiding



the pain and carrying on with work as usual.

## PLONKER

The sudden skin problem struck in 1952, but cleared up a few days later after David's mother bought E45 cream from the chemist.

# BUNGLING BT IN PHONE AD BLUNDER



Comedy Jewish telephone actress Maureen Lipman – zany housewife ‘Beattie’ in the British Telecom ads – has an embarrassing secret to hide. For the star who makes a living telling us to use the phone **doesn’t have a phone herself**.

In the £100 million TV ads, Lipman plays a loopy housewife who spends hours ranting to relatives on the phone. And in one she tries to buy a washing machine.

## HOODWINKED

The campaign has been a huge hit with the viewers. Telephone sales have more than trebled to £600 billion, and a book based on the TV ads has netted Lipman an estimated £75 million on top of her staggering £250 million fee. Yet we can exclusively reveal that the public have been hoodwinked, for the millionaire actress does without a telephone at her posh North London home.

## BULGING

Since Lipman’s ‘Beattie’ character took over the BT ads from yellow comedy telephone bird ‘Busby’ almost ten years ago, Telecom’s tills have been bulging, cash registers ringing in massive profits as phone users queue up to imitate their hero ‘Beattie’ by making calls. But straight faced actress Lipman has probably never picked up a phone in her life. For when we looked in the London telephone directory under ‘L’, there was no listing under the name of M. Lipman. And now red faced Telecom officials are to consider AXING the £750 million ad campaign.

## CHEATED

One disenchanted phone user we spoke to had just paid an £86 Telecom bill. “I feel cheated,” she told us. “I think it’s a disgrace, and I’ll be asking for my money back.”



Lipman – alias ‘Beattie’.

We wrote to Miss Lipman enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for her comments, but we had received no reply by first post on Thursday. Miss Lipman is married to TV sports commentator Jim Rosenthal.

## ‘FRUIT SEX BABIES’ BY YEAR 2000

As controversy continues to rage over the cases of virgin women who wish to have children by artificial means, scientists are now claiming that by the year 2000 it will be possible for men to produce children – by having sex with fruit.

## SEX

In a number of experiments carried out to date men are believed to have had sex with fruit, although nothing has happened yet.

# TOP STARS LINE UP FOR TIPTON

By our  
West Midlands  
Correspondent

Pop megastars Michael Jackson and Madonna have been chosen to spearhead a £5000 campaign to promote Tipton, it was announced yesterday.

Hugo Guthrie, the mastermind behind the campaign, believes that the dynamic and exciting images portrayed by the stars is just what’s needed to put the West Midlands town back on the map.

## HEADS

Hugo, a former tourist official, now heads his own PR company, and he has been charged with the task of brightening up Tipton’s image for the nineties. “We want to shake off the old image of a run down, industrial town, and promote the positive side of Tipton, hopefully helping us attract new jobs and investment to the area,” Hugo told us.

## TAILS

“Michael and Madonna will be helping us to highlight the many investment opportunities, grant aid schemes, tax incentives and low rental industrial workshop units available to businesses in the Tipton area. They are the kind of high profile, successful figures we want to be associated with Tipton, and I’m sure they will benefit from the relationship too. We have a thriving music industry right here in the West Midlands, with dance halls, record shops and even a recording studio right on our doorstep in nearby Birmingham”.

## MASSIVE

Already plans are underway for a massive open air concert to launch the fortnight’s events, going under the banner of ‘Tipton Enterprise Initiative Fortnight’. And both Madonna and Michael Jackson are expected to appear at Tipton



Jackson (above) and  
Madonna yesterday.

Civic Library to open the ‘Tipton Technology’ exhibition.

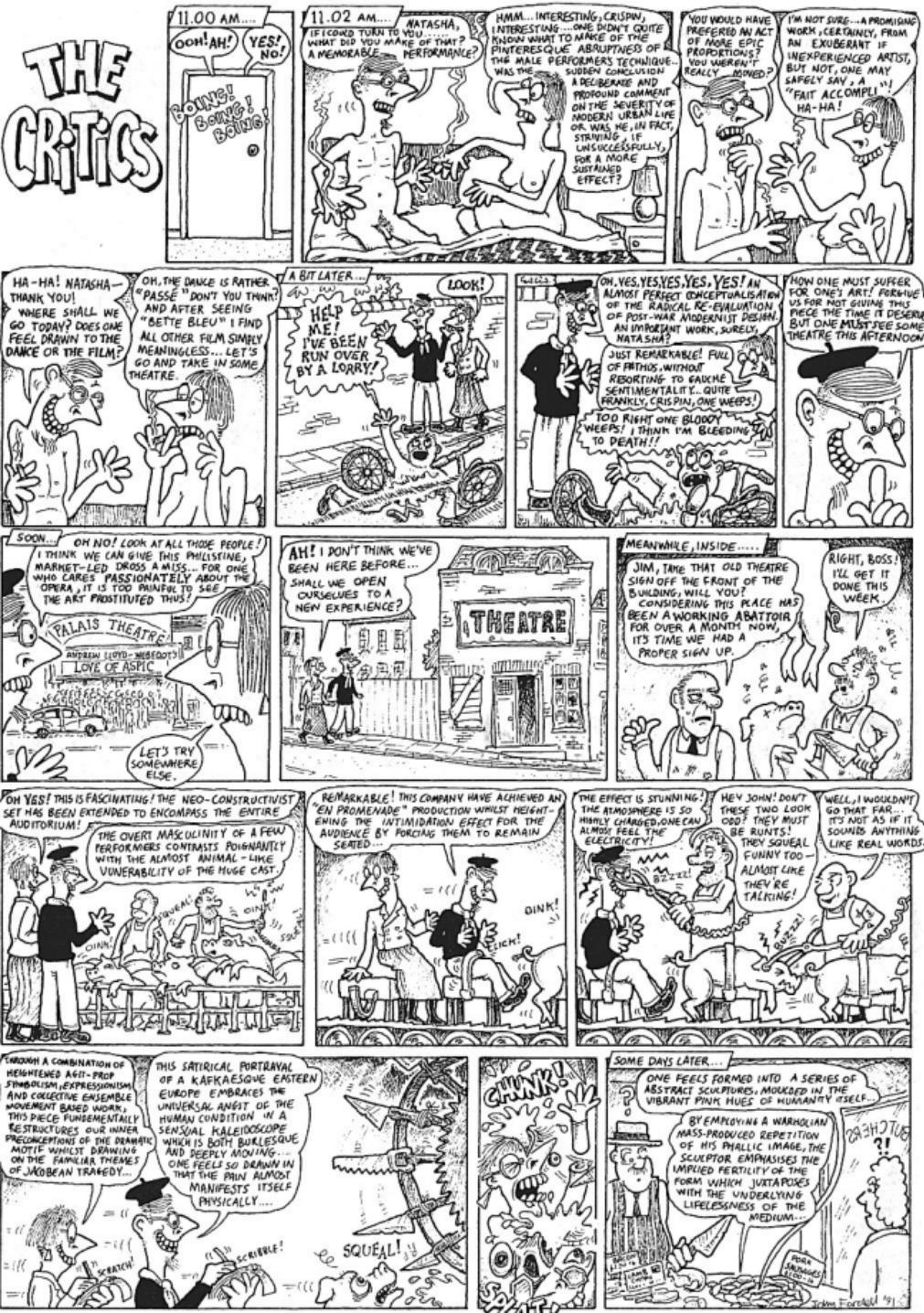
## HUGE

In all, the fortnight’s events are expected to cost Tipton Borough Council around £5000, but Mr Guthrie is convinced it is money well spent. “Already I’ve had an enquiry from a waste disposal contractor who is interested in the availability of property in the area”, he told us.

## ENORMOUS

The exact dates for events are not yet known, as Mr Guthrie is awaiting final confirmation from the stars on the other side of the Atlantic. “I wrote to both of them in America almost a fortnight ago but I’ve not yet received a reply from either”, Mr Guthrie told us yesterday.

# THE CRITICS



# Billy the Fish

ON THE SAME DAY THAT FULCHESTER UNITED WIN THEM WAY THROUGH TO THE FA CUP FINAL, MANAGER TOMMY BROWN DRAMATICALLY QUITS HIS JOB. BUT NOT BEFORE BROWN FEX ALSO DRAMATICALLY QUIT HER JOB.

THEN COACH SYD PRESTON AND BILLY 'THE FISH' THOMSON ARE STRUCK DOWN BY SUDDEN ILLNESS.



AND LOOK! ISN'T THAT AN UNREALISTICALLY LARGE BILLBOARD POSTER ADVERTISING THE RECORD?

# NEW SINGLE NOW IN THE SHOPS OR AVAILABLE BY MAIL ORDER - SEE PAGE 24 FOR DETAILS MC BILLY VANILLI ICE CREAM 'T' Featuring the F.U. POSSE

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SINGALONGA FULCHESTER UNITED  
c/w RICK SPANGLES DISCO PARTY  
VIZZ

FUFC

YES SYD

EMBASSY VEHICLES

AS KICK-OFF APPROACHES, THE TEAM PREPARES IN THE CHANGING ROOMS AT WEMBLEY STADIUM...

NOW THEN LADS, I WANT YOU TO BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOUR, THE EYES AND EARS OF THE WORLD WILL BE ON US THIS AFTERNOON.

AND REMEMBER - TODAY YOU'LL BE PLAYING IN THE PRESENCE OF ROYALTY.

NO EXP - THE QUEEN MUM WILL BE PLAYING FOR FULCHESTER! SIGNED HER TODAY FROM CLARENCE HOUSE FOR AN UNDISCLOSED FEE.

NOW THEN - I DON'T WANT ANY SPECIAL TREATMENT. JUST THINK OF ME AS ONE OF THE LADS.

GOSH! IS LADY DI HANDING OUT THE MEDALS? BOSS?

WOW!

HEY UP LADS - HOW'S IT GOING?

COME ON! LET'S GET OUT THERE AND STICK IT UP THE SUMMERS!

I AM MAXWELL BAXTER - CHAIRMAN OF THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND SECRETARY OF THE PERFORMING RIGHTS SOCIETY.

BUT WHY? WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

IT'S MORE A CASE OF WHAT YOU HAVEN'T DONE.

THIS RECORD IS A FAUD! IT FEATURES NONE OF THE VOICES OF THE FULCHESTER UNITED SQUAD!

AND I HEREBY DISQUALIFY FULCHESTER UNITED FROM THE F.A. CUP!

MILLI VANILLI DID IT!

JANOWL HERR BAXTER.

YETH, YEH THANG ON THIN THINGLE.

WILL ARSENE WIN THE COVERED FA CUP BY DEFAULT?

IS THIS THE END FOR FULCHESTER?

PONT MISS THE NEXT THRILLING EPISODE OF

**BILLY the FISH!**

IS MAXWELL BAXTER RIGHT? DID MILLI VANILLI REALLY WIN THE FA CUP FOR FULCHESTER'S HT?

WHY NOT BUY THE RECORD AND JUDGE FOR YOURSELF? (SEE PAGE 24 FOR DETAILS - OR BUT IT FROM A RECORD SHOP THAT WAY IT JUST WON'T GET INTO THE OMATS).

WILL ARSENE WIN THE COVERED FA CUP BY DEFAULT?

IS THIS THE END FOR FULCHESTER?

# PERFICK!

## Pop's a lark for darling Mariette

Regular MC VIZKI is on holiday this week, and he's asked me, Catherine Zeta Jones (the good looking one out of The Darling Buds of May) to take over. And as my Pop would say, I've got a 'perfick' pop page lined up for you!

Competition for the top slot has been red hot this time round, with two artists desperate to have a No. 1 hit. **THE WONDER STUFF'S** bass player's girlfriend Laura works for Viz, so they had high hopes that we'd fix it for them to top the chart. But little did they know guitar wizard **PAUL ROSE** went to school with a Viz cartoonist, and he was confident his connections could put him in pole position.

We decided to take the unusual step of inviting sealed bids for the No. 1 slot, and gave them both 24 hours to pack as much money into an envelope as they could muster. But while the two rivals were emptying their piggy-banks, we suddenly remembered we've got our own record out this month, so we immediately made **MC BILLY VANILLI ICE CREAM T'** (aka Billy the Fish) number one. And despite coming back to us with very impressive cash bids, The Wonder Stuff and Paul Rose had to settle for second and third places.

Details of our chart topping Fulchester United team single can be found in the Billy the Fish strip. If you'd like to buy Paul Rose's 11 track digitally mastered independently released cassette 'Homework',



Billy - Top of the Pops

send £5 (incl. P+P) to Paul, c/o The Guitar Workshop, 3 Old George Yard, Off High Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1. Anyone who wants to buy The Wonder Stuff's new record could do worse than to go into a record shop and ask for it.

Elsewhere in the chart **MR METHANE** makes a wind assisted entry at No. 4. Mr Methane is, in fact, fart musician Paul Oldfield, no relation to Mike, who plays his arse. He claims to be Britain's only 'fart-a-gram', rumbling on request in and around the Macclesfield area. You can buy a video of him in anal action for £10 (incl. P+P)



PAUL ROSE



## THE VIZ TOP TEN



<b>MC BILLY VANILLI ICE CREAM T'</b> Singalonga Fulchester United	£101.01
<b>THE WONDER STUFF</b> Never Loved Elvis LP	£101.00
<b>PAUL ROSE</b> Homework	£50.00
<b>MR. METHANE</b> Live at the Farmers Arms	£44.44
<b>THE MINGLES</b> Mingle Music Showreel	£40.00
<b>ANDREW TAIT</b> See text for title	£30.01
<b>A-R-T</b> Mission Unlikely	£26.11
<b>ALAN'S PSYCHEDELIC BREAKFAST</b> Demo tape	£25.00
<b>EARWIG</b> Night EP	£22.22
<b>THE CROFT</b> Love Me	£20.00



from Paul Oldfield, 'The Gas Cave', 2 Monrall Drive, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 7DP.

A familiar name at No. 6 is that off **ANDREW TAIT**. He's put together a compilation tape to raise money to have his phone number changed after we published his old one in our last issue. The tape is titled 'My Love is like a Whirling Elephant except on Tuesday afternoons when she Prods the Proverbial Perennial Pole Cat up the Celestial Drain-pipe with a Long Poker', and is available in exchange for a £6.95 cheque made payable to Andrew Tait and sent to him at P.O. Box 04, 30 Clayton Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4RQ.



RAW NOISE - failed to make the chart yet again.

Bye for now  
Catherine Zeta Jo  
xx

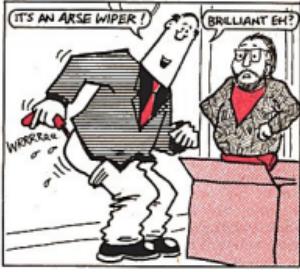
Once again competition for chart places has been hot, with demand exceeding supply. Ten luckless artists came away empty handed, despite bids ranging from £15 to 12p. So the message to anyone hoping to get into the next chart is send lots of cash in an envelope, together with details of your record or tape. Send your money to me, Catherine Zeta Jones (the good looking one out of The Darling Buds of May), c/o Vizki, Viz Top Ten, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. Vizki will be back in the next issue, but until then, as my Pop would say, 'Perfick'!

**ROGER  
MELLIE**

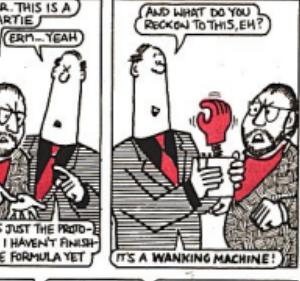
## The man on the telly



THURSDAY ARRIVES.



IT'S JUST A FOOD MIXER, SEE,  
WITH A TOOTHBRUSH ON IT!  
CLEANS RIGHT UP YOUR ARSE  
IT DOES



IT'S FOR THE SHOW TOM



3-2-1... ON AIR!



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TO THE PIER

# Let's play CELEBRITY WHOREHOUSE

'A bit of harmless fun with the stars'

It's hard to imagine our top TV celebrities like Melvyn Bragg kerb crawling in Kings Cross. And it's even harder to imagine famous female stars like actress Dame Judi Dench touting for business on a street corner dressed in a revealing short skirt and stockings.

But that's exactly what we've done. We call it Celebrity Whorehouse, and it's a game you can play along with. And for the winner there'll be a chance to sleep with **YOUR** favourite star, or a fifty pounds cash prize.

## HARMLESS

Of course it would be ridiculous to suggest that any celebrity would act either as a prostitute or as a client. And not for one moment would we do so. But just for fun, we've *imagined* that six female celebrities are 'on the game', and that six male showbiz stars are looking for a good time. It's a fairly futile and pointless exercise, but it helps fill the magazine.

## FUN

To play the game we want you to guess how much each of the celebrity clients would be prepared to pay to go 'all the way' (that is to have *full sex*) with each of the celebrity whores. For example if, just for fun, you thought Rolf Harris would fork out fifty quid to have sex with fellow Aussie Kylie Minogue, enter £50 in box 'E' against Rolf's picture, etc. Simple, isn't it? Send your completed forms

to 'Celebrity Whorehouse Competition', Viz, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. Please write on the back of your envelope the name of the Celebrity with whom you'd most like to have sex.



**JIM DAVIDSON**  
WOULD PAY...

A	B	C
D	E	F



**M. C. HAMMER**  
WOULD PAY...

A	B	C
D	E	F



**ROLF HARRIS**  
WOULD PAY...

A	B	C
D	E	F



**MELVYN BRAGG**  
WOULD PAY...

A	B	C
D	E	F



**IAN McCASKILL**  
WOULD PAY...

A	B	C
D	E	F



**SIR A. BURNETT**  
WOULD PAY...

A	B	C
D	E	F



## Celebrity Pimp

Each week, just for fun, we select a top celebrity from the world of telly, sport and entertainment to act as our **Celebrity Pimp**. We invite him to cruise the streets in a pink cadillac and floppy hat, and we imagine which three Celebrity Whores he would choose to act as his 'bitches'. Needless to say, there is no implication whatsoever that any of the celebrities named would act in the way we have described. This is all just for fun.

This week we've chosen former England footballer and TV soccer analyst **TREVOR BROOKING** as our Celebrity Pimp, and we've tried to imagine which three well known women Trevor might choose to act as his prostitutes. Looks aren't everything, so we've selected Eastenders'



Michelle Fowler as Trevor's first girl. Her tough, streetwise background would be an asset to any pimp. A good head for figures is essential for any prostitute, especially when it comes to handing over her pimp's share of the money! If any of his bitches short-changed Trevor, they could be in big trouble. For this reason we think Countdown's **Carol Vorderman** would be a worthy addition to Trevor's vice racket. Lastly, we've chosen the Media Show's **Emma Freud**, because we fancy her.

Next Week: *Celebrity Drug Dealer*, where top stars battle it out in a 'Manchester style' drug war.

# IS YOUR JOB ON THE LINE?

As the recession begins to bite, more and more people are called into the boss's office to be given the dreaded news — they've got the sack.

## STRUGGLE

All around Britain heads are rolling like confetti as factories, shops and offices struggle to stay in business, and shed jobs in an effort to survive.

## AXE

According to business experts the signs of imminent redundancies can be seen weeks or even months before the axe falls. And by spotting these vital clues well in advance, a bright employee can take steps to hang onto his job, or jump ship before it's too late.

Keep your wits about you, and these ten tips will help you spot whether you're heading for the chop.

(1) Has your boss recently installed a fish tank or aquarium in your office, conference or reception area? If so, it's bad news. This is one of the first signs of a failing business. According to experts, when people have time to gaze into a fish tank, their minds are idle — a sure sign that business is slowing down.

(2) Look out for the first sign of economies being made around the workplace. Perhaps a radio that usually plays in the background has been switched off, or a light bulb has been replaced by a slightly dimmer one. These signs mark the onset of cost cutting, proof that the business is in bad health.

(3) Is the water in the fish tank cloudy? It's something you wouldn't normally notice, but it could be a sign that your job is on the line. A dirty fish tank could mean that office cleaning has been cut back — the first of many cuts to come.

(4) Next time you visit the lavatory, look closely at the toilet paper. Is it of poorer quality than usual? Perhaps your finger went through it while you wiped your bottom. Buying cheaper loo roll is another sign of a boss desperately trying to save money. But it's a ploy that can backfire, with employees beginning to use two sheets of paper instead of one per wipe.

(5) You arrive at work one morning and the fish tank has mysteriously vanished.

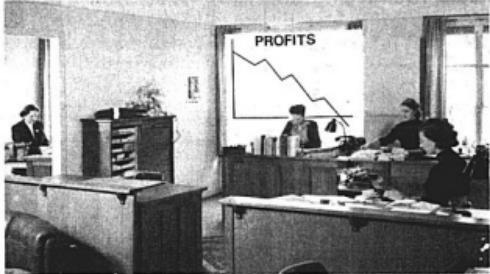
## Here's how to avoid the axe

shed. According to experts removing a fish tank or aquarium from the workplace is a clear sign of a business in trouble. The boss may save on fish food and electricity, but it is often a case of too little too late. Penny pinching alone will not save a struggling business. Jobs may soon have to go.

(6) You arrive at work early one morning and catch a glimpse of the boss's wife on her hands and knees cleaning the floor. The axe has begun to fall, and the regular cleaner has obviously become the first victim. Your days could well be numbered.

(7) The boss asks you into his office, and tries to sell you the fish tank. You may think nothing of it, but this is a clear sign of cash flow problems, the killer disease that will soon strangle the company.

(8) The boss asks you to chip in towards the Christmas meal, even though it's only February. Then he arranges a jumble sale in the canteen, and asks you to bring in old clothes etc. to raise money for



company funds. Normal business must be drying up if these extra sources of income are required.

(9) While working at your desk, machine or on the factory floor, bailiffs arrive and remove carpets, furniture, machinery and other equipment. 'Nothing to do with me', you might think. But if you read the signs, it begins to look as if the busi-

ness might be in financial trouble.

(10) Your boss calls you into his office, mumbles a few words and hands you a brown envelope containing the Inland Revenue form P45. An accompanying letter tells you that your services are no longer required. This is a sure sign of redundancy. Perhaps it's time you faced up to the facts, and started looking for another job.

## TRISH KEEPS BR GUESSING

Driving a train is every schoolboy's dream. But it must be the last job you'd expect to find a TV weathergirl doing!

For it is an almighty jump from reading the weather on TV to driving a train. But, unlikely as it seems, that's exactly what it would be if Trish Williamson quit her £80,000 job on ITV and went to work on the railways.

## SKILLS

Of course the skills required for presenting a live TV weather forecast are completely different from those required for driving express trains at speeds of up to 140 miles per hour. A weather girl must be tidy, presentable and cool under pressure, with a good knowledge of weather essential. Hardly the ideal qualifications for driving a train!

## INTRIGUED

So we were intrigued to know whether Trish, who at 33 is happily married with



TV girl Trish.

two kids, would be at all interested in driving a train for a living. A spokesman for ITV sounded almost as surprised as we were when we mentioned the idea. "I have no idea what you are talking about", we were told.

Meanwhile tight-lipped Trish wasn't giving away any clues. Last night she was 'too busy' to talk to us. Perhaps she was polishing her driver's whistle? Who knows.

# THE CHUMS of Samson's CIRCUS



HIRSUTID

DINAH

BARRY & SALLY

THE TRAPEZE TWINS

THE BEARDED WOMAN

AND HER PERFORMING PONY

THE YOUNGSTER

YOU BET, BARRY!

WE CAN APPLY THIS STICKING PLASTER IN REAR TO NO TIME

GARTH THE RIS OF OUR ACROBATIC SKILLS...

WE'LL FIX GOLDIE'S LEG. WON'T WE, SALLY?

MMM. THE LAD IS IN CONSIDERABLE DANGER

IF HE CRAWLS INTO THAT REFRIGERATOR AND THE DOOR SLAMS SHUT, HE'LL BE SUFFOCATED IMMEDIATELY.

SUMMER LADS HERE AT LAST AND THE CHUMS OF SAMSON'S CIRCUS WERE PERFORMING AT THE SMALL WEECH CIRCUS IN LICHFIELD ON TONIGHT'S SHOW!

WELCOME BACK TO LICHFIELD, SAMSON! I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO TONIGHT'S SHOW!

JUST THEN -

EXCUSE ME, BUT I WOULD IF SOMEONE COULD HELP ME

MY YOUNG SON AND I WERE JUST RIDING PAST WHEN OUR HORSE, GOLDIE, SCRATCHED IT'S LEG ON A NAIL!

HOPE YOU ENJOY IT, CONSTABLE POTTS!

THINK YOU, I WOULD OFFER YOU SOME REWARD. MY HUSBAND IS THE ONLY THING I OWN IN THE WORLD.

YOU SEE, I, TOO, WAS ONCE A CIRCUS PERFORMER, UNTIL A CRUEL RINGMASTER FIRED ME SIX MONTHS AGO. NOW, A PENNLESS WIDOW, I TRAVEL FROM TOWN TO TOWN WITH MY YOUNG SON LOOKING FOR WORK.

HE DREW WITH ME JUST A MOMENT AGO

SPARKS OF AHOM - WHERE IS MY LITTLE BOY?

THERE HE IS!

HE'S FLYING NEAR THAT OLD, ABANDONED REFRIGERATOR

HOW YOU HOLD THE BOY? HOLD ON TIGHT, TINA!

READY GREN YOU ARE, SAMSON!

CIRCUS

LAUGHING

WHINNEY?

RARRH!

CRASH!

SHAKEN, MR. 'M, BUT AT LEAST HE'S ALIVE...

YOUR SON IS A LITTLE

HANGING AROUND NEEDS TO LEARN SOMETHING FROM THAT HORSEY OLD HORSE WITH YOU!

SO, THAT EVENING

WORRY FOR CONSTABLE POTTS AND HIS PERFORMING PONY

NOT WHERE ON EARTH ARE WE GOING TO FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR TINA AND HER PONY?

SERIOUSLY THOUGH, THIS LEAVES MY CIRCUS WITHOUT A HORSE-RIDING ACT

IF I MIGHT MAKE A SUGGESTION, SAMSON...

...THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU!

HA HA HA HA





# GILBERT RATCHET

## THE JUNIOR DUTY

